

COVID-19 Classroom Safety Protocol

DEQ Office of Training Services – Certification and Continuing Education

Attendees showing symptoms or possibly exposed

- Please stay home if you are sick, have fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or had close contact with a COVID-positive person.
- Contact Office of Training Services (OTS) to reschedule your class.

Before Class

We encourage you to download [Virginia's free COVIDWISE](#) Exposure Notifications app to help enable exposure notification and contact tracing while protecting your privacy.

During Class

- All instructors are fully vaccinated and will wear face coverings at all times except when teaching from the front of the class and at least 10 feet away from others.
- Classes will be limited to 50% room capacity or that which allows for physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- Face coverings
 - Attendees will be required to wear face coverings at all times within the classroom. Disposable face coverings and hand sanitizer will be provided.
 - Eating will not be allowed in classrooms.
 - Removal of masks will not be allowed in classrooms, with the exception of brief moments for drinking.
- Physical distancing and seating
 - Attendees will be physically spaced 6 feet apart or more and asked to maintain physical distancing as much as possible
 - Attendees will have assigned seating for the full duration of each class

After Class

- We encourage attendees to contact OTS if they develop COVID symptoms within 48 hours of class completion or test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of class completion.
- All class attendees will be notified if there was a potential classroom exposure.
- Names will be kept confidential.